Books of instructions are also circulated by banks amongst their staff indicating precautions/checks which should be observed to prevent occurrence of frauds.

Workers in MITCO

1003. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to faulty functioning of MITCO in recent years the number of factory workers and small dealers have gone down heavily in mica industry of Bihar; and

(b) if so, what action Government to propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) The mica trade fall under highly unorganised sector. As such authentic statistics on the number of workers employed in the trade is not available. The number of weaker section dealers registered with MITCO which were 1022 in 1982 went upto 1940 in 1984-85. Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited (MITCO) is pursuing policies designed to give maximum benefit to the weaker section of dealers as well as workers in the mica trade. With a view to provide means of livelihood to the mica dealers belonging to weaker sections, MITCO makes more than 90 per cent of its purchases of mica from them. It has introduced a scheme "support the weakest" under which small mica processors can even supply very small quantities of mica. A series of export promotion measures have also been taken to promote export of value-added mica products and generate employment thereby.

Complaints against MITCO

1004. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint dated the 2nd January, 1986 from the small mica traders of Bihar regarding widespread corruption, delay in payment of bills and arbitrary fixation of prices of mica purchased by MITCO; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold any enquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A representation has been received and the matter is being looked into.

Export of Manufactured Mica and Processed Mica

1005. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proportion of export of manufactured mica in comparison to processed mica has considerably increased in recent years; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to negotiate with the countries importing bulk processed mica from India to have long term arrangement with India for import of manufactured mica of their specifications instead of processed mica, which will generate employment in India and bring higher returns?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is in constant touch with important importing countries for increase of-take of manufactured mica/value added mica based products on a long term basis.

Medium-term Loans to States

1006 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to relieve the strain on the States' resources caused

by the deficit generated in earlier years, the Central Government have provided a medium-term loan of Rs. 1628 crores in the current year, 1985-86;

(b) if so, which are the States which have been provided loan out of this fund;

(c) which are the States which have not yet been provided such loan;

(d) what was the criteria adopted in providing such loan to the States;

(e) whether the Central Government have also advised the States to improve tax collection and control non-Plan expenditure and also finance their approved Plan outlays in the current year without recourse to overdraft with the Reserve Bank of India; and

(f) if so, how many States have agreed to the Centre's suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Government of India provided to the States in the current year a medium-term loan of Rs. 1628 crores equivalent to 90 per cent of their overdraft with the Reserve Bank of India as on 28-1-1985.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See below*).

(d) The loan was provided to those States which had an overdraft with the Reserve Bank of Inia as on 28-1-1985.

(e) The State Governments have been requested to take steps to reorder their budgetary priorities and cash flows in such a manner as to avoid running into overdraft from more than seven continuous working days w.e.f. 2nd October, 1985.

(f) No State has been in overdraft for more than seven continuous working days since 2nd October, 1985.

Statement

Details of medium term loan equivalent to 90% of the States' overdraft as on 28-1-1985 released to States in 1985-86.

(Rs. in crores)

	States	Medium term loans released to States in 1985-86
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	206·98
2.	Assam	28·21
3.	Bihar	4·58
4.	Gujarat	61·79
5.	Haryana	74·94
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2·37
7.	Jammu & Kashmir*	—
8.	Karnataka	221·27

1	2	3
9.	Kerala	241·86
10.	Madhya Pradesh	27·43
11.	Maharashtra	24·27
12.	Manipur	—
13.	Meghalaya	—
14.	Nagaland	7·95
15.	Orissa	43·72
16.	Punjab	97·08
17.	Rajasthan	31·71
18.	Sikkim*	—
19.	Tamil Nadu	38·98
20.	Tripura	—
21	Uttar Pradesh	308·88
22.	West Bengal	205·99
	TOTAL	1628·01

* Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim do not bank with R.B.I.

ESI hospital at Kakurgachi Calcutta

1007. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ESI hospital at Kakurgachi, Calcutta is not functioning properly; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to put it in a good shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The administration of medical care under the ESI Act is the statutory responsibility of the respective State Governments. The ESI hospital Kakurgachi (Manicktola) in Calcutta is under the administrative control of the State Government of West Bengal. However, the Central Government has recently pointed out to the State Government of West Bengal that in the hospital at Kakurgachi although 500 beds have been constructed, only 240 beds have so far been commissioned.

Renovation of Akbar Hotel, New Delhi

1008. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Akbar Hotel, New Delhi renovated last; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on this account?